



Accommodation Information 2021

We realise that one of the most exciting parts of starting university is finding out where you will be living! This year first years at Murray Edwards College will be accommodated in their own ensuite bedroom in Pearl House. You will find out your room number upon arrival.

Pearl House is a modern building, comprising 105 ensuite bedrooms over seven floors with a communal kitchen and a bathroom on each floor.

All rooms are licenced to students for 31 weeks of the academic year. The licence dates for each term this academic year are as follows.

	Michaelmas Term	Lent Term	Easter Term
31 week licence dates*	2 Oct to 11 Dec	5 Jan to 20 Mar	17 Apr to 25 Jun

**Actual 31 Week licence length 2020-21 is 216 days, 30.86 weeks.*

Accommodation Charge

The Accommodation Charge at Murray Edwards College is **all inclusive**. It covers costs such as the rent of the room, subsidised kitchens, heating and lighting, security, IT/Wi-Fi, maintenance and cleaning of your room and communal areas, upkeep of the grounds, building insurance, residential management/administration and billing. The College has chosen to include these costs in the Accommodation Charge in order to be clear about the amount it costs to live in College and help students with budgeting.

There are 15 bedrooms on each floor, and these rooms are of two sizes and priced accordingly. The room sizes fall into two Rent Bands: Band A and Band B. The prices are as follows:

Band	Typical Licence Length*	Accommodation Charge per Term	Accommodation Charge per Year
A	31 weeks	2,046	6,139
B	31 weeks	1,846	5,537

**Actual 31 Week licence length 21-22 is 213 days, 30.9 weeks.*

You can express a preference for which Band you would like to pay in the first year. We cannot guarantee to meet all requests made but we will make every effort to do so. Students eligible for the Cambridge Bursary will be given priority for rooms in Band B if you request this as a preference

If you have a preference for either Band A or Band B please indicate your choice at <https://www.murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk/webforms/fresher-accommodation-choice> . **The deadline for responses is 9am on 6 September.** If you do not express a preference you will still be allocated a room.

If you wish to stay for any nights outside the licence dates, you will need to let the Accommodation Office know as you may need to change rooms for the extra nights. A charge of £22 is made for each additional night you spend in College.

Caution Money: All new intake students will also be required to make a payment of £200, which is held against any non-payment of amounts owed to the College at the end of a student's period of study. This amount will be added to your initial College invoice.



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Frequently asked questions

Q: Who can I contact in the Accommodation Office and how do I contact them?

A: The Accommodation Office can be contacted by email:
ccommodation.enquiries@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk.

Q: What furniture is in my room?

A: Each room contains a bed with a mattress cover, a pillow and an under-pillowcase. There is a desk with a desk chair and light, an easy chair, a bookcase or shelves and a wardrobe.

Q: What kitchen facilities are available?

A: Kitchens are shared by groups of 15 students; they have a four-ring cooker, a microwave, a fridge and a sink; and each student has her own lockable cupboard.

Q: May I bring a refrigerator to Murray Edwards College to put in my own room?

A: Yes you may. However, you **must** contact the Accommodation Office before you arrive at College if you plan to bring your own fridge. Any student who brings a fridge to College will need to pay a refundable damage deposit and provide a suitable mat or cover for the carpet underneath the fridge. It is also the responsibility of any student who brings their own fridge to make their own storage arrangements at the end of term; personal fridges cannot remain in bedrooms in Pearl House during the vacation periods.

There is a limited stock of mini refrigerators available to hire from the Accommodation Office. The cost is £25.00 per term.

Please note: The College will provide a fridge (as opposed to a student providing one or hiring one from the College) in a bedroom if there is a medical requirement to do so. If you have a medical need for a fridge to be installed in your room, please contact the Tutorial Office before you arrive.

Q: Do I need to bring bed linen?

A: You can either bring your own bed linen or, if you wish to hire bed linen, then you may do so. We hire out a bed linen pack of a sheet, pillowcase, duvet and duvet cover for **£39.00 per term**. If you choose this option, please be aware that you can only cancel the arrangement at the end of each term. Please let the Accommodation Office know if you wish to hire linen via email at accommodation.enquiries@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk.

Q: May I send luggage ahead of my arrival to College?

A: We strongly recommend that you arrive with or before your belongings do. The Porters' Lodge is not equipped to receive or store large quantities of luggage for any length of time. Please check directly with the Porters before arranging to send belongings ahead (porters@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk).

Q: When I have unpacked, what do I do with my suitcases or trunks?

A: Each student may store one trunk or two suitcases in the Trunk Store. We do have to make this a firm rule, as we have a relatively limited storage facility.

Q: I am concerned about storing computers or musical instruments during the vacation. Do you have room for these?



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A: We have a 'Valuables Store' for storing computers and musical instruments at the end of term.

Q: What about insuring my possessions?

A: Automatically included in your rent is a measure of insurance cover to protect your possessions against fire, flood and theft but not accidental damage. This is provided by Endsleigh and our policy number is #HH1676. You should check the cover thoroughly and should you wish to have additional insurance you can extend the policy on their website or take your own insurance out.

Q: Is it possible to arrive at College before Saturday 2 October?

A: If there are exceptional reasons why you need to arrive early, please contact the Accommodation Manager as soon as possible on accommodation.enquiries@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk. **EU and International students** may arrive as early as Wednesday 2 October but **MUST** inform the Accommodation Office of their wish to do so as soon as possible, also giving them the approximate time of arrival.

Summary of Additional Costs and Charges

Linen Charge (optional)	Supply and laundry of bed linen	£39 per term
Trunk storage (optional)	Storage of items during vacation. Further details are on the College website.	£10 per student
Late Form charge	Charge incurred if your Going Down/Coming Up Form is not submitted on time or if you alter the dates after the deadline. Further details are on the College website.	£30
Variation Charge	Charge incurred per night if you enter or vacate your room on a different date from the date you submitted on your Going Down/Coming Up Form. This can be reduced to £22 per night by prior arrangement and is subject to availability.	£25 per night
Late return of temporary key	Charge incurred if you request a temporary Key from the Porters' Lodge and do not return it within 48 hrs. This covers the cost of the key and the staff costs associated with ordering and collecting from the supplier	£18
Late return of temporary University Card	Charge incurred if you request a temporary card from the Porters' Lodge and do not return it within 48 hours.	£5
Replacement University Card	Charge incurred for the replacement of a lost or stolen University Card.	£15
Late payment of College invoice	Charge incurred for the late payment of any College invoice. Further details are on the College website. Charge is 3% + the Bank of England base rate of tax. The charge is accurate at the time of printing	'Charged at 3.75% p/a interest after the first 14 days
Personal fridges	Charge incurred for failing to clean or switch off your fridge during vacation. Also applicable for failing to maintain the fridge to a safe standard of hygiene. Further details are on the College website.	Up to £25



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Additional cleaning	Extra cleaning of a bedroom and/or ensuite bathroom if not left in a reasonable state at vacating. Removal of excess rubbish after vacating. Cleaning of bedroom carpet	£15 per hour per member of staff £5 per black sack £30
Maintenance and repairs	Maintenance repairs caused by misuse or damage to common areas, plus the cost of replacement parts or materials, and the cost of external labour if required.	£15 per hour per member of staff
Replacement of bed linen	Replacement due to damage from misuse.	£20 per item
Replacement of mattress	Replacement due to damage from misuse.	£90
Replacement bed	Replacement due to damage from misuse.	Up to £250